

DE 2759032 describes a method for producing stabilised aqueous suspensions of barium sulfate for radiographic purposes, wherein highly disperse silicic acid is added to the suspension of barium sulfate and the mixture is converted to the gel state.

Both documents have been referred to in the International report on patentability dated March 1, 2006 with respect to novelty of claims 1-3, 12, 14, 16, 18, 27, 28, 33 and 41, whereby novelty of the other claims has been ascertained.